## **Bloomington Fire Department**

# Informational Statistics



## NFPA 1710's key provisions – Fire

- Calls for fire personnel to arrive at a fire scene within six minutes, 90% of the time
- Six-minute figure includes one minute for dispatch, one minute to get into gear, and four minutes to drive to the emergency scene

### Response Time Analysis

**NFPA 1710** is a standard concerning personnel deployment and response times to fires and medical emergencies

#### **6 Minute Response Time**

Fire – 73.4 % EMS – 67.9 %

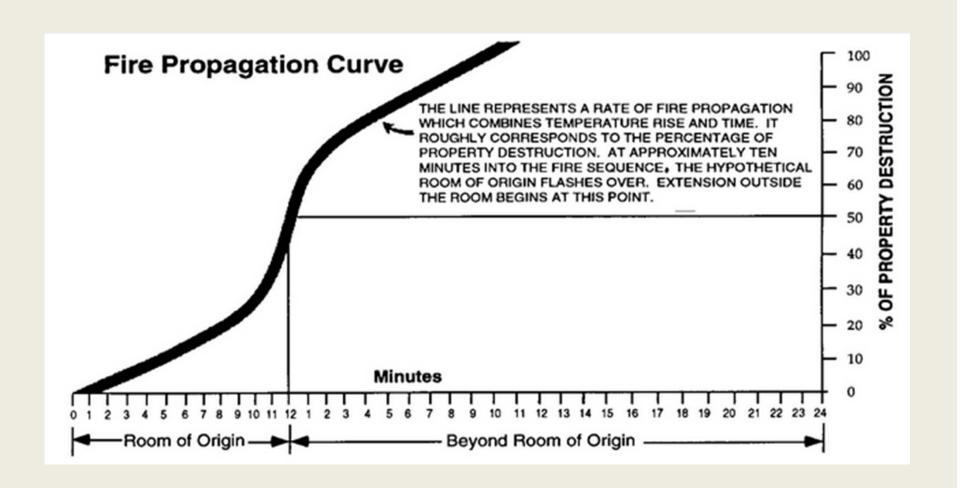
#### 90 % Percentile Times

Fire = 8.10 minutes EMS = 9.0 minutes

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- Calls for 15 people to arrive at a "Full Alarm Assignment" within nine minutes, 90% of the time on a low hazard occupancy
- Nine-minute figure includes one minute dispatch time, one minute to get into gear, and seven minutes to drive to the emergency scene

#### Fire / EMS Rationale



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The brain can survive up to six minutes after the heart stops. After this time, irreversible brain damage occurs.

## NPFA 1710 defines hazard levels of occupancies by types. Each hazard level carries inherent risks.



High Hazard Occupancies — Schools, hospitals, nursing homes, explosive plants, refineries, high-rise buildings and other high hazard or large fire potential occupancies.



Medium Hazard Occupancies – Apartments, offices, mercantile and industrial occupancies not normally requiring extensive rescue by firefighting forces.



Low Hazard Occupancies – One, two or three family dwellings and scattered small business and industrial occupancies.

## NPFA defines appropriate response personnel based on tasks necessary for each hazard level

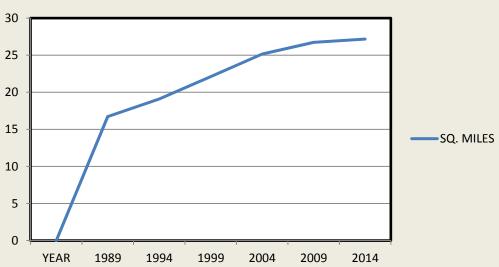
High Hazard- Not less than 24 Firefighters, 2 Chief Officers, a Safety Officer and a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) (29 total)

Medium Hazard- Not less than 16 Firefighters, 1 Chief Officer, a Safety Officer and a RIT (20 total)

Low Hazard- Not less than 12 Firefighters, 1 Chief Officer, a Safety Officer and a RIT (15 total)

#### Bloomington, Illinois Square Mileage Changes





1989 = 16.72 sq. miles

1994 = 19.09 sq. miles

1999 = 22.10 sq. miles

2004 = 25.15 sq. miles

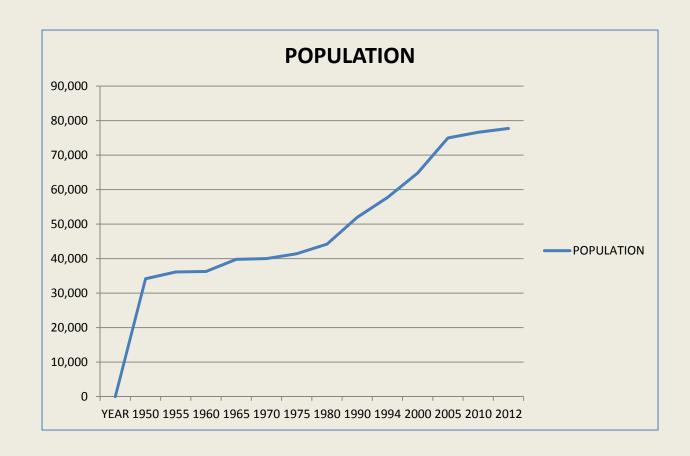
2009 = 26.76 sq. miles

2014 = 27.17 sq. miles

#### **CENSUS FIGURES for Bloomington**

#### 1950-2012 Population Increase of 43,570

34,163
36,127
36,271
39,791
39,992
41,409
44,189
51,972
57,707
64,808
74,975
76,610
77,733



#### BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING OVER THE YEARS



## **Call Volumes**



25% increase in call volume from 2004 - 2013

## Workforce

- Firefighters work 24/48 shifts
  - A Shift
  - B Shift
  - C Shift



59 of our members are 40 years + older

Average age of our Firefighters is 40.83

56 % of our members are older than 40

# Standard Station Staffing Model 1995 vs 2010

#### <u>1995</u>

- 1 Truck Company 3 firefighters
- 1 Engine Company 3 firefighters
- 1 Ambulance Jump company

#### 2010

- 1 Truck/Engine Company 3 firefighters
- 1 Ambulance 2 firefighters





# Concerns

Continued increased call volume and city growth with existing staffing size will impact the response time of Fire / EMS personnel. This could increase initial unit response time to emergencies in excess of 10 minutes for the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.